

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

The attached "Replacement Sheet" of drawings includes changes to Figure 6.

The attached "Replacement Sheet," which includes Figures 6, 9, and 10, replaces the original sheet including Figures 6, 9, and 10.

Attachment: Replacement Sheet

REMARKS

Claims 12-37 are now pending in the application. Claims 26-37 were withdrawn by the Examiner after election with traverse. The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the rejections in view of the amendments and remarks contained herein.

DRAWINGS

The drawings stand objected to for certain informalities. The Examiner states that reference numeral "140" was used to designate different parts in FIGS. 5 and 6. Applicants cannot see the inconsistency and request the Examiner's help, if the Examiner disagrees. Reference numeral "140" designates the second plurality of teeth 140 in both FIGS. 5 and 6. The first plurality of teeth 134 is perpendicular to the paper in the view of FIG. 5 and cannot be seen. Applicants have amended FIG. 6 to indicate the longitudinal axis "C" of the central member 110, as well as the pivot axes A and B corresponding to the pivot pins 148, 142 respectively, as suggested by the Examiner. Corresponding amendments to the specification have been made, as discussed below. Applicants have attached a revised drawing for the Examiner's approval.

SPECIFICATION

Applicants have amended the specification to make reference to the axes added in FIG. 6 according to the Examiner's suggestions and corresponding to the amendments of FIG. 6, as discussed above. Specifically, paragraph [0061] was amended to designate the

secondary pivot axis as axis "B" shown in FIG. 6. Similarly, paragraph [0062] was amended to designate the primary pivot axis as axis "A" (shown in FIG. 6).

REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 12-17 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Landsberger (U.S. Pat. No. 6,113,599). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Regarding independent claim 12, Landsberger fails to disclose, among other things, a central member having first and second ends along a longitudinal axis, the first end defining a first flange having a first plurality of teeth, and the second end defining a second flange having a second plurality of teeth, wherein the first and second flanges are substantially perpendicular. Therefore, claim 12 is not anticipated by Landsberger. Claims 13-17 ultimately depend from claim 12 and, at least for this reason, are not anticipated by Landsberger. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claims 12-17 is respectfully requested.

Claims 12-25 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by McCarthy et al (U.S. Pat. No. 5,846,245). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Regarding independent claims 12, 18 and 22, McCarthy et al fails to disclose, among other things, a central member having first and second ends along a longitudinal axis, the first end defining a first flange having a first plurality of teeth and the second end defining a second flange having a second plurality of teeth, wherein the first and second flanges are substantially perpendicular. Therefore, independent claims 12, 18 and 22 are not anticipated by McCarthy et al. Claims 13-17 ultimately depend from claim 12, claims 19-21 ultimately depend from claim 18, and claims 23-25 ultimately

depend from claim 22. At least for this reason, claims 13-17, 19-21, and 23-25 are not anticipated by McCarthy et al. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claims 12-25 is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

It is believed that all of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicants therefore respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw all presently outstanding rejections. It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action and the present application is in condition for allowance. Thus, prompt and favorable consideration of this amendment is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (248) 641-1600.

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